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I am pleased that the Government's objective and that of its followers in London, Ontario, in not opposing Dr. Menzies's return, has been appreciated by the electors of that constituency, and that the new leader of the Conservative Party will be able to take his seat in the Commons when Parliament reassembles at the beginning of the New Year.

In each instance, the by-election was occasioned by the death of the sitting Member. In three of the seats thus vacated the constituencies had been represented by Members of the Conservative Party, and one by a Member of the Liberal Party. In the general elections of 1935 all four seats were contested. In Certier, the seat previously held by a Government supporter, the Liberal candidate, Mr. Peter Barcevitich, was returned by acclamation a week ago today. The election of Mr. Matthews in Brandon represents a Liberal gain, and that by a handsome majority. The representation in the other two seats remained unchanged.

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